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RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is in response to the Restriction Requirement (Paper no. 5) mailed September 9, 2002, restriction was alleged to be required pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121. Applicants also file concurrently herewith a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to extend the time for response for five (5) months, or until March 9, 2003.

I. Status of Claims

Claims 1-72 are pending in the instant application.

Discussion of Restriction Requirement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121 II.

The Examiner's alleged basis for requiring the Restriction Requirement is that

Claims 36-50, 52, drawn to piperidinyl compounds and compositions, classified in class 546, subclass various depending on species election. If this group is a further election of a single disclosed species is also required. If this group is elected